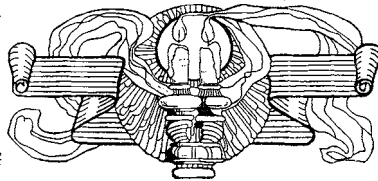


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Be Thou Faithful Unto Death

(Rev. 2: 10)

“Oh be thou faithful unto death,”—
We hear the Saviour say.
Be true until the last faint breath
Of life has passed away.

Does death end all as some have said?
And will we sleep for aye?
Oh say, to die is just to tread
The path that ends earth's day.

He says, “Be faithful to the end;”—
That may not mean we'll die.
For He may come,—then we'll ascend
To meet Him in the sky.

“Be faithful” means to watch and pray,
And have a heart made right;
For He may come most any day,
At morning, noon or night.

There'll be no time to trim your light,
Or run for oil, now free;
So prepare now for that great night,
So fast approaching thee.

The end must come, for they who race,
Are bound to reach the goal.
When you have run with steady pace,
You'll win,—a conq'ring soul.

Our Christ will step down from the throne,
While angels bow their heads,
He'll give the prize unto His own
Who've won with conq'ring tread.

The prize awaits you! Soul be true
Until you've won the race.
Be faithful unto death, then you
Shall ever see his face.

—J. Mathew Thomas.

HOW TO GET SAVED?

How to get saved is a question that confronts many souls, or we might put it: how to be found of the Lord, as the Lord is hunting, looking and longing for every sinner to come unto Him that He might give them rest, peace and joy, that He might comfort them in this life with a hope of eternal glory with all that is pure and holy.

Now, a sinner is one that has and is transgressing against God, doing that which they know God forbids them to do, doing evil, being ungodly and rebelling against or rejecting Christ as their Saviour. They are under condemnation, for sin and guilt is resting heavy upon their soul. They are lost, ruined and damned for eternity's night unless they find the Saviour in this life as He is the only hope for man, the door-way to heaven, yea, He is the way, the truth and the life. John 14: 6.

That the great tender heart of God is longing for all who will come unto Him and find rest (Matt. 11:28) is expressed in many places and manners throughout the Bible, God's word to man. Paul declares that “Christ Jesus came to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” 1 Tim. 1:15. Perhaps the best word picture we have in the Bible of God's yearning love for the lost, is found in the fifteenth chapter of Luke; in this chapter He gives a parable of leaving the ninety and nine sheep and going after the one that is lost until He find it, and how when he findeth it he layeth it on his shoulder rejoicing and calleth his neighbors to rejoice with Him, for the sheep (man) that was lost is found and He spoke of the great rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repented.

Again He speaks of a woman that had ten pieces of silver and lost one, how she lighted a candle, sweep the house, and seeketh diligently until she findeth it, and she like-wise called her neighbors and friends to rejoice with her, for she had found the piece that was lost, and the Lord repeats again; “there is joy in the presences of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”

God does not force or compell men to serve Him as He wants willing service and therefore He has made us free moral agents and we have the privilege of choosing to love and serve Him, or to choose to live in sin. We see this very clearly shown in the parable of the prodigal son that decided to leave his father (God) for He gave him his portion and he gathered it together and went into a far country (where God did not dwell) and wasted his substance in riotous living. Yes, dear soul if you choose to you can use all the strength, talents and time that God gives you, or rather waste it in riotous living and thereby be damning your own soul; but you need not be lost for you have the power to choose again, when you see the folly of your choice, see your wasted energy, your wasted time and talents and the doom and end of such a life, when you fully come to yourself, are awakened to these facts, you can (as the prodigal) make the decision to arise and go to your Father, and you will find His warm love has not abated all these years, but He will be looking for you and will see you afar off and will come running with out stretched arms to receive you. Who could wish for greater love, for more tender care, in His arms we are safe for He fell on his neck and kissed him, showed great compassion on him even though he had deliberately left Him and had been living for self these many years; yet the Father loved him greatly and was willing to forgive and forget all the past insults.

We see that the Fathers love did not cease there but as the young man repented and said, "Father I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thyson" (got very humble) and the Father said to his servant, "Bring forth the best robe and put it on him" (a robe of righteousness) and put a ring on his hand, (a seale of bridegroom's love) and shoes on his feet:" (shod him with the preparation of the gospel of peace) "And bring forth the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: (symbolizing the great rejoicing of the angels in heaven over the lost that was found, over the dead sinner that had been resurrected to life eternal) For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

By this parable we readily see and behold the great tender and compassionate love that God has for those that are dead in trespasses and sins; He has provided Christ as a Lamb that was sacrificed for our sins and all who look to Him can be made alive in God, can have the past all blotted out, can rejoice with the killing of the fatted calf, can have a warm welcome under the sheltering wing of our Father in heaven.

There are a number of things that a sinner must choose to do to find favor with God. In the first place

they must be awakened to their lost and ruined condition and then they need to know what caused this separation from God; the way to get this knowledge is to go to the word of God and let God talk to you through His word; turn to the fifty-ninth chapter of Isaiah and read the first two verses and you will find the cause of your troubles: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that He cannot save; (His arm (Christ) is strong to save all who will come) neither is His ear heavy, that He cannot hear: (He readily hears a sincere cry) But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, (your iniquities) and your sins have hid His face from you, (your sins) that He will not hear."

Now when you admit and acknowledge this to be true; then comes another question; what must I do? Turn to the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah and let us read the seventh verse, "Let the Wicked forsake his way, (forsake your way) and the unrighteous man his thoughts (your thoughts that are evil) and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon Him; and to our God, for He WILL abundantly pardon." By this scripture we can easily see that if we forsake our ways of sin and return unto the Lord that He will forgive and pardon and we shall gain again our innocence as in child-hood, precious thought, blessed truth and reality.

Repentance toward God and faith in the completed work of Christ is the only remedy for the removal of our sins that separate between us and God, for we read again in the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, sixth verse, "All we like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him (Christ) the iniquity of us all." In the latter part of the eighth verse we read, "for the transgression of my people was He stricken." This scripture and connecting ones is what the Ethiopian was reading when Philip ran and joined himself to the chariot, at the command of the Lord, (Acts 8:32) and Philip opened his mouth and begin at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus; and we find that the Ethiopian believed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and so he was saved and after obeying the word in baptism, he went on his way rejoicing. Please turn and read this account in the eighth chapter of Acts, begin at the twenty-sixth verse and read the remainder of chapter. Dear sinner friend, you can have the same relief if you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, your Saviour, with obedience you can go on your way rejoicing in a redeemers love.

The way of the transgressor is hard, and the end thereof is death, damnation, ruin and misery forever, Oh, turn to the Saviour and live, why will you die in your sins when God has planned and given you a way

of escape. His great tender compassionate love is reaching out after you, escape the sinners fate, through Christ, the sacrificed Lamb of God, who hides our sins from our righteous Father, by His blood, believe and live.

—Fred Pruitt.

Hear The Word Of The Lord

Oh how good it is for a man to seek wisdom from the almighty God; and knowledge from our God of strength. "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding." (Prov.3:13) And how can we find the wisdom of God? "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (Prov. 1: 7) And what is the fear of God? "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride and arrogancy and the evil way and the forward mouth do I hate." (Prov.8:13) Does the Lord give wisdom? Certainly, to them that love him. "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not and it shall be given him." (James 1: 5) But how are we to ask? "But let him ask in faith nothing wavering" 6th verse. And what is faith? "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb. 11: 1) And how can we obtain faith? "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing whether it be good or whether it be evil." (Ecc.12: 13-14)

Can a man live a righteous, holy life in the present age? With God's help we shall prove by the word of the Lord that man can, with the help of the Lord, live a righteous and holy life in the present age.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world. Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Tit. 2: 11,-14) That He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear. In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life." Luke 1: 74,75.

We see plainly that the word of God teaches us "to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world." Not after death, as many believe there is hope after death, in Hades for repentance.

Dear friend, let us take good heed to what the holy Bible sayeth, and let us not hear men's doctrines. Let us hear what our great teacher and Shepherd has to say, because He gave his life to redeem the world from sin, and not another.

We shall add a few more passages of scripture

from the holy Bible and see what the word of God sayeth, "go and sin no more" John 8: 11. "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come on thee" John 5: 14. "Awake to righteousness and sin not" 1 Cor. 15: 34. "And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him is no sin" 1 John 3: 5. "And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for He SHALL SAVE his people from their sins." Matt. 1: 21.

Whosoever obtains salvation which is the new birth according to the word of the Lord, doth not commit sin. "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God, keepeth himself and that wicked one toucheth him not." 1 John 5: 18 and 1 John 3: 9. "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." 1 John 3: 6. Whosoever says that he has salvation, should not sin, whosoever sinneth, hath not seen Him, neither known Him. This is what the word of God teaches. "But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy," 1 Pet. 1: 15,16. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5: 48. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." "Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God." Matt. 5: 8,9. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12: 14.

We see plainly that the word of God teaches us freedom from sin, and to live holy righteous lives in this present world. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Rom. 6: 22. "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Rom. 6 12: 13.

Much people are today deceived by many men's doctrines; they give ear to teachers who are hired shepherds; and they teach that it is impossible for man to live a holy and righteous life; or not to sin.

Dear friends, hear not what the hirelings have to say to you but rather hear what the good Shepherd says, who gave his life to redeem his people from sin, "whosoever the Son makes free, is free indeed." "Now, the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." 2 Cor. 3: 17. "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness and sin not: for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." 1 Cor. 15: 33,34.

Every man that says he is saved, and continues on in sin, ought to be ashamed; as we see what he is saying. Whosoever it is that sinneth: is a sinner; whosoever saith that he knows Christ, should not sin, by the help of the Lord. "For, whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2: 10.

—Gust. P. Poulos.

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EDITORIALS

The Lord has kept the office force very busy during the last month by inspiring for the printing and folding of tracts to supply the demand, as the calls for tracts has come in from every direction and much good is being done by this phrase of the work. Most of the work has been on new editions of ones out of stock, altho we printed two new ones; one on Sanctification and the other on Millennism. We send all these tracts out free to those who will carefully and prayerfully hand or send them out.

We look to God to supply with funds and otherwise that the work will keep going; and ask the agreement of every saved soul that God will be moved on His throne in a way and manner as to keep the clear gospel going to the people through the printed page. We mean to keep doing all we can by His help to lift up Jesus, who has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. There is no hope for man only through Christ, so let each of us be faithful and true to our Lord and do all we can for the furtherance of salvation work in the earth. Remember, there are sins of omission as well as sins that we commit; many are sick in soul because they are omitting to do the pleasure of God; we have a good witness of this in this paper, in the way of a testimony by H. M. Fowler. God calls each one to serve in some manner; our reward is over there, altho we get a portion here in the way of soul rest, joy and comfort that service for Him alone can give. God is faithful who will reward every man according to his work.

The Lord has blessed in giving good clear manuscript for this paper and we consider it an excellent number to pass around amongst your friends. Send for some extra copies for this purpose.

The "Faith and Victory" stands for clear Bible truth; truth that will feed the soul and build up any who may be weak or sickly, truth that will convict the sinner, and truth that will keep the saved ones

with balanced rations and thriving in the Lord. Those who love the truth and take heed and obey it; it will mean the savour of life unto life; but those who reject it and do not obey, it will mean the savour of death unto death. 2 Cor. 2: 16. If we lose the savour of Christ out of our souls, Jesus says, we are good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot, Matt. 5: 13 and Luke 14: 34. We are not sending this paper forth to pet men in their sins or wrong ways; but we love their souls and God wants the evil that exists through the works of Satan, showed up on the one hand and on the other hand the goodness of God and His power to save from all evil and binding influences.

The world is going at such a rapid rate now that Christians will have to apostise fast to keep from suffering a reproach of the cross; in fact we believe the time has come, is already on us, when those who stand true to God is going to be compelled to show their colors in a plain unmistakable manner, will see the need more than ever to "Go forth without the camp, bearing His reproach." Heb. 13: 13.

They led Jesus outside the city and slew Him as though He was an unclean beast. Can you go forth in Jesus' name and patiently bear the scoffs and scorns of the fashioned crazed people of our day? Can you keep sweet in your soul all the time while the professed world looks upon you as something unclean? Can you labor patiently for the salvation of souls who have it in their heart to slay you? Can you pray a hearty prayer for God to bless your enemies or those who may do you wrong even though they profess to be a saint? If not you had better sink more into God and let foolishness and carnality be burnt out by the power of the Holy Ghost. Let God have you fully into His hands and He will be to you as a consuming fire.

By the grace of God we mean to live and preach the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; for men are forever lost unless they find the Saviour in this life.

The current of the world is very strong and is plunging on to hell and destruction at a rapid rate with Satan sitting in the temple of God (this body) as though he was God. Satan has many religious garbs and people are blinded and deceived by his cunning craftiness. So let us continue to sound the alarm in the pulpit and through the printed page. God bore with Israel, the manners of the people, for a long time but finally He poured out His wrath upon them and they were persecuted, slain and scattered to all parts of the earth; and we are exhorted to "be not high minded, but fear;" (Rom. 11: 20) we stand by faith. Let us be diligent to prove our faith by works as Abraham did, also a great many others whom we read about in the word of God, who separated themselves unto God for Him to work through them with His righteousness. Their faith and steadfastness is on record for our encouragement in doing good works.

NOTICE

To our readers—We wish to say that we are going over our mailing list and shall remove the names of those that we have not heard from during the last year as we do not know whether you are receiving the Faith and Victory paper, whether you read it or care for it and we do not want to bear the expense of sending papers where they are doing no good. So if you want the paper to continue coming, just let us know and we shall not remove your name. We have tried to keep a record of those who have written us during the past year. If a mistake has occurred and you fail to get your paper, just let us know and we shall be glad to replace your name on our mailing list.

We shall remove no name if we have any reason to believe that you want the paper. Please be prompt in writing us as it will be a favor.

ASSEMBLY NOTICE

The State Board has decided that the Assembly-meeting of the Church of God would begin this year on the 24th of Dec., to be held at the chapel on 6th and Warner, Guthrie, Okla., to last ten days, ending Jan. 2, 1927.

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan and as the winter Assembly is the most costly meeting of the year, the saints are expected to get under the burden of this meeting and do all they can in financing it, and in sending supplies. As we are elected treasurer of the Guthrie Board, all money and supplies for the meeting should be sent to Fred Pruitt at Faith Pub. House, 611 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla. Bro. G. W. Winn, whose address is 1309 W. Mansur Ave. will also care for any thing that may be sent to him for the meeting.

Those coming on the train can get on the Warner Street Car going west from the Santa Fe depot and get off at Seventh and Warner streets and walk one block east to chapel where meeting is held.

We expect the Lord to give us the usual good meeting this winter and desire that all saints come praying for soul food and the saving of souls.

The saints at Guthrie shall be pleased for all to be present that possibly can, and we extend a hearty welcome to every one, whether saved or unsaved.

Any information desired concerning the meeting can be obtained from parties whose addresses are given above.

—By order of State Board.

MEETING REPORT

(From Richland, Mo.)

Dear readers and Christian workers: To-day finds me saved and fully turned over into God's hands, just to do his will at all times. Praise his dear name for full salvation. I feel deeply encouraged to press

the battle on, to work for the welfare of precious sin-bound souls.

I desire to tell you about the precious meeting we have been having: conducted by Bro. Ed and Susie Whipple, Bro. Slate and Bro. and sister Stroud. The precious truth went forth with mighty power. Souls heard the straight way preached as never before, three precious souls saved and started on their way to heaven. Praise the Lord.

A husband and wife gave their hearts to God and rejoicing in a Saviors love together. How we did rejoice to see the light open up here as three sisters were all alone. But now, praise God, we have others to help and encourage us. We are having prayer meeting and Sunday-school now at the brother and sisters house, who were newly saved. We are so thankful the Lord opened up a place to let his work go on, and we ask all the saints to pray for the work here and for the dear new born souls that they may keep true amidst trials and persecutions. Pray for me that I may carry on my Masters work to his glory, and that I may always be found leading others to Jesus' precious arms, the only place for rest or happiness.

The Lord heard and answered prayer and gave us victory over the enemy; also gave us warm nights, all except the last three days; when we took the meeting to a dwelling house. Praise the Lord for his mighty power. A saved sister. —Fannie Brown.

Feeding The Multitudes

In Matt. 14: 15-22, Mark 6: 34-45, Luke 9: 10-18, and John 6: 5-15: We read of Jesus feeding the multitude of five thousand, with five loaves and two fishes, also, Mark 8: 1-10, tells how He fed the four thousand with seven loaves and a few fishes.

Of the five loaves and two fishes, they took up twelve baskets full of fragments, after all were filled and of the seven loaves and few fishes; seven baskets were left after four thousand had eaten.

These miracles teach first to "give and it shall be given you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall men give unto your bosom." Luke 6: 38. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10: 8. That is: God will cause us to prosper if we first give Him a little cake as the woman did to Elijah. 1 Kings 17: 13; but God's word often has more than one meaning; a natural and a spiritual.

There is natural bread for us to eat, to strengthen our outer man for the work we have to do naturally; and there is the spiritual bread from heaven, the Lord Jesus, to strengthen the soul for to war a good warfare with the hosts of sin. Before Jesus ascended to heaven He said to Peter "Feed my sheep;" also He told his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Those that believed and were baptised, should be saved; and those that believed not should be damned.

When the little band received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost: they were like the loaves and fishes, few in number; but their witnessing to receiving the Holy Spirit and Peters sermon, fed about three

thousand hungry souls.

We read, how, that later the word of God grew and multiplied and prevailed. So Jesus taught by the natural bread increasing as it was given to the people; so He, the living bread would increase as He was lifted up or preached to the people; till, as the prophet Daniel said, "the stone (Which the builders rejected, Luke 20: 17) became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." Dan. 2: 35; also when the living bread is broken for the people, as it was on Calvary; all who believe and eat of it are filled to overflowing; and and too: if we obey Jesus' command to "gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost" there is more than there was before, and always growing. Praise God forever. Yet all have had enough and say "it is better farther on." Halleluiah!

Oh, sinner friend, hear the invitation of Jesus, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Also, He said, "A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: but they all began to make excuses." One had married a wife, another had bought a yoke of oxen, another a piece of land, etc. What excuse can you offer when God has paid the price for your pardon, and only asks you to come and confess your guilt and with all your heart seek Him; and He will be found of you in that day? You may then eat of that living bread that came down from heaven, that we may eat thereof and not die. Come for all things are now ready. Amen.

—Wm. Cummins

Take Time To Be Holy

"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5: 32.

Dear people, this morning I want to speak to you as I feel led of God. As this has been on my mind for some time, to tell the people that they should not speak evil of others. Many times have I heard some one say about another, "well, they are not very much" or some such expression of one perhaps who was deep down in sin, one who did not have a good character, who was looked upon as being a great sinner. And it made my heart ache to hear such expressions. Let us dear souls, remember that Jesus is interested in every one, they are very precious in his sight, they amount to something to Him, they have a soul and a heart that needs to be free from sin; let all professors of religion, remember that if you feel above those who are down in sin, are not willing to help them, you are not Christ-like and you had better examine your heart in the light of God's word and let Jesus so change it, so you will have a love for every one, such a love that you will be interested in every soul and point them to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. Do not feel yourself above the Savior, who eat and drank with publicans and sinners, and who did not let the sinful woman be stoned to death, by the self righteous Pharisees; but told her to go and sin no more. Jno. 8: 11.

The Lord loves every one: He could see poor Hagar and her son Ishamel; when for a wise and good purpose, God permitted them to be sent away from

home and into the wilderness, and when the water was gone she had with them, she laid her child under a shrub and went of a good way from him as she did not want to see him die, and we can see by reading God's word that is what she thought he would do. But God in his love and mercy, was seeing and caring, and as she wept, God heard. The scripture says, "she lifted up her voice and wept," so we believe she was looking to God with prayer and tears. Oh, let us read what God did! He opened her eyes and she saw a well of water, and she gave her child drink, and God was with the child. Oh, dear souls, if any of you read this, who are in trouble as this or in any other manner, in sin or sorrow, get right with God, and then you can trust Him for soul and body; and He will not forsake you, but will be with you as with Hagar and her son. Genesis 21: 14-21.

If you have gone deep in sin: Jesus is willing to save; altho your sins are as scarlet; He will forgive. And He will remember them against you no more; and remove them from you as far as the east is from the west. Psa. 103: 12. And whosoever will may come. Rev. 22: 17. Not just the rich, not just what is called moral people, not just what people may think have never done many sins; but He calls any who will forsake all to follow Him, those who are deep in sin, who the world calls fallen, and every one.

Dear souls, did you ever realize that all which are out of christ and going on in the ways of sin are fallen, all of Adams race is fallen; until we come to Jesus and let Him lift us up. What are any of us without Jesus? Our own righteousness is as filthy rags.

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again" John, third chapter. Dear professor of religion, do not think you can feel above any one and please God or get to heaven by just belonging to some church, for: "Ye must be born again" then you will have a love for every soul and seek to help them. We do not mean you must go to the things of the world with wicked people, are to partake of their evil ways; but seek to turn them from evil, be kind to all, tell them of Jesus and his love; and if any one who has been deep in sin gets saved, do not mention their past life or any thing of the past to them, as it may discourage them; even the true saints of God should take heed and never mention anything that would hurt or injure another in any way, as they may, if not watching, say things that would grieve and wound a tender heart. While they may mean no harm, yet the devil will use every means possible to discourage a soul who turns to God, and often tries to make one who has been bound deep in sin before being saved, study about the past.

Let us as people of God do all we can to help every one to God; and those of you who profess to know God, yet feel above any one, remember, if you ever reach heaven you will have to humble yourself the same as those you think are so deep in sin. Remember that, "There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health." Prov. 12: 18.

So, do not wound any one by piercing their heart with evil words, that your own soul may be in health. May God bless you. —Becky Brown.

THE TWO RESURRECTIONS AND THE TWO DEATHS, SPIRITUAL AND LITERAL

For the good of those who seem to be in the dark as to the real Bible meaning of two resurrections (for there are two taught in the Bible), we submit the following. We will notice briefly the first or spiritual resurrection. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power" (Rev. 20: 6). Spiritual death, what is it, and what does it do for us? It separates from God (Isa. 59: 1,2). It is the effect of sin (Lev. 18: 20). It is freedom from righteousness (Rom. 6: 20). It is bondage (John 8: 34). It is death in the midst of life. (I Tim. 5: 6).

The first resurrection is life from spiritual death in sins (1 Ph. 2: 1). This life never ends (Rom. 6: 22). This life we get in Christ (John 1: 4; 1 John 5: 11), only saved people have this life (1 John 3: 14); it is a new life because we are new creatures (Rom. 6: 4; 2 Cor. 5: 17). This new life in God's people is a continuation of Christ's life (John 8: 12; Phil. 1: 21; Gal. 2: 20). It is a holy life (Luke 1: 74, 75), everlasting life (John 5: 29); a spiritual resurrection from a spiritual death (John 5: 25). Jesus said unto her "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live John. 11: 25). The death mentioned in this 25th verse is spiritual death, death amidst life, yet in a condition that he can believe in Him and have part in Him. This is the first resurrection.

These are they who are blessed and holy. Some get the idea that it is the saints who arose when Christ arose that are blessed and holy, if that were the meaning of the language in Rev. 20: 6, no one else but those who arose from the grave when He arose would be blessed and holy, but thank God, not only the few that arose at that time but according to Jude 14th verse thousands are partakers of His resurrection.

We believe we have given ample proof of what the first resurrection consists of, so we will go now to the literal. For "as it is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment;" there must be a second resurrection. Job says, "If a man die shall he live again?" (Job 14: 19). We will let Jesus answer: "Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5: 28, 29). The above proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that there will be two classes of people, saint and sinner, resurrected from the grave at the same-time (the last general or literal resurrection). The context reads thus: "There shall be a resurrection of the dead both of the just and unjust (Acts 24: 15). A resurrection means one not two, just one resurrection of 'both the just and the unjust.'" Thank God when Jesus comes those that are alive (saints), shall not go to meet Him until those (saints) which are asleep (dead) shall arise * * * then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the

Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord (1 Thess. 4: 15-17). There is yet another death that we have not considered, it is called the "second death" or lake of fire (Rev. 20: 14-15). This is that which will have power over all who have no part in the first resurrection. Dear souls, prepare to shun that death. Just as eternal life is a continuation of spiritual life in this world, so eternal death, the "second death" will be a continuation of spiritual death in this world with the added torments in eternity. —G. E. Harmon.

AN ALARM

I have just read the September issue of Faith and Victory; it is helpful to both soul and body. If the unregenerated or even the Christ professing world could get out of it what I get in its perusal, there would soon be a different atmospherical face on the political world. The sanctified can see, the few that take the narrow way; they discern the signs of the times. But what about the professional world?

Isaiah, 742 years before Christ, saw a vision, Isa. 6, and it was so impressive to see the Lord that he said: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."

"Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I; send me."

"And he said, go and tell this people, hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not."

"Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed."

Now when Christ was speaking to the multitudes in parables; His followers asked Him "why He spoke to them in parables?" "He said unto them, it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but unto them it is not given." Here He explains how that he that hath shall be given more and he that hath not, even that which he seemeth to have shall be taken away. Then He quotes that lips cleansed, spirit filled, sanctified prophet Isaiah, and compares it to that day; the people would not hear for their hearts were waxed gross, and their ears were dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and I should heal them. Then Paul: when he was in his own hired house for two years, takes up the same strain, when some would hear and understand, and some would not. And now we can see in our day that some will hear and understand what the spirit sayeth to the churches.

But what about the sinners, the ones that have

heard and turned to God and then denied Jesus in their life walk? James says, "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Christ said, "If ye love me keep my commandments." Again, "If ye know these things, happy are ye, if you do them." Here, the self righteous; who are sinners in the sight of God, take the judgment (Matt. 7: 1) in their own hands and render the fiat law in their own way and virtually say by their actions: there is nothing to it; it is all bosh &. These kind of people have become so much the more in number that they have an over balancing power, and being co-partner with the world, they carry a sway in the teaching of the children of this generation; and that teaching tending downward is bound to make it harder on the saints farther on. I see a baby girl, less than two years old, the child of a Christ professing mother; whose teaching and dressing is such that a neighbor says: "If that child is reared to matured age, it will take the earnings of three good men to keep her going." And yet, if the parents of that child was to strike even with the world to-day, they would not likely own the clothes they have on. Greed for money and fashion; not alone with the middle man, but with the whole professional, unregenerated and unsanctified, have grown to such a state that the whole race is endangered.

—J. T. Cullor.

SINGING FOR JESUS

I was riding on a train in the eastern part of North Carolina. The rain was pouring down fast and it was a day that would make some people down-cast. Looking out of the window I saw nothing but pine trees, bony mules, men, both white and black, standing at each station watching the train as it came in and went again on its way. Every person who came into the car brought in more dampness and some seemed out of humor.

At last two men came in and took a seat in front of me. Soon one of them took a bottle from his pocket, pulled out the cork and handed it to other man. He took a drink and in a moment the smell of liquor filled the air. Then the first man also took a drink and in that way they kept on until the bottle was empty. Of course the drink had its effect on the men and they began to use rough language, and to be noisy and troublesome. The women in the train shrank back into their seats and the men began to look about to see who was causing the disturbance. This went on for some time until I began to talk to myself. I forgot about the outside, for my mind was full of thoughts of what was near me. This is what I said to myself:

"Henry, that man is serving the devil."

"There is no doubt about that," I replied.

He is not ashamed of it."

"Not a bit ashamed."

"I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ."

"Are you glad or sorry?"

"I am glad—very glad."

"Who in the car knows that man is serving the devil?"

"Everybody knows that, for he has not kept it a secret."

Who in the car knows that you belong to the Lord Jesus?"

"Why, no one knows it, for you see I am a stranger around here."

"Are you willing that they should know to whom you belong?"

"Yes, I am willing."

"Very well, will you let them know it?"

I thought a moment, and then said, "By the help of my Master, I will."

I straightened up, took a good breath, and began singing so loud that it could be heard by all in the car:

*"There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath the flood,
Loose all their guilty stains."*

Before I had finished the first verse and chorus, the passengers had crowded around me and the man in front of me had turned and looked at me crossly. As I finished the chorus he said, "What are you doing?"

"I am singing," I answered.

"Well," said he, "anyone can understand that. What are you singing?"

"I was singing the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ."

"Well, you quit."

"Quit singing your religion on the cars."

"I guess not I replied, "I don't belong to the quit family. For the last half hour you have been standing by your master; now for the next half hour I am going to stand up for my Master."

"Who is my master?"

"The devil is your master, while Christ is mine.

I am as proud of my Master as you are of yours. Now I am going to have my turn, if the passengers do not care."

A whole chorus of voices answered "Sing on, stranger; we like that."

I sang on and, as the next verse was finished, the man in front turned his face away and I saw nothing but the back of his head after that. He left the train soon after and I have never seen him since. I sang one song after another and before long other voices joined me. When we stopped an old man came to me, put out his hand and said, "Sir, I owe you thanks and a confession. Thank you for rebuking that drunk man."

"Don't thank me for that, but give thanks to my Master. I try to stand for Him wherever I am. What about the confession you wish to make?"

"I am eighty-three years old, and have been a preacher of the gospel for over sixty years. When I heard that man swearing, I wanted to rebuke him. I arose from my seat two or three times to do so, but my courage failed. I have not much longer to live, but never again will I fail to speak up for my Master anywhere."

"Yes, God will give the needed courage if we will but make the attempt and let people know whose we are."

—Selected by sister Wm McKay.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

"HE SHALL GATHER THE LAMBS WITH HIS ARM, AND CARRY THEM IN HIS BOSOM" (Isaiah 40 :11).

Are You Thankful?

Children dear, are you thankful,
For the big and little things?
Do you take as from your Saviour,
What each day and moment brings?

Are you thankful for your trials?
Thankful when all things seem wrong;
Can you smile, saying, "Thank you, Jesus,"
And praise Him with a cheery song?

When your plans are spoiled entirely,
Things happen that you never guessed;
Can you say, "I know, 'twill end well,"
Jesus leads—His ways are best?

Seems I now can see some children,
With bowed heads—hear them confess;
"I can not give thanks at all times,
Though I try to do my best."

Children dear my heart yearns for you.
I was once unthankful too:
Because I stayed away from Jesus,
Tried in my own strength to be true.

But one day I came to Jesus,
Confessed with sorrow all my sin.
I found Jesus waiting for me,
A thankful life did then begin.

So dear children, come to Jesus,
He surely will forgive and love.
You will then be glad and thankful,
For blessings falling from above.

Dear children: If you will open your Bibles to the third chapter of Colossians you will find these words in the fifteenth verse, 'be ye thankful.'

Your first thought may be that those are words to which older folks should give heed, but do you know no one can shine for Jesus without being thankful? He wants children to shine for Him, too, doesn't he? Therefore the message is for children as well as for grown folks.

Today the sky was gray and the rain came dripping down. I wonder how many of you dear children are thankful for rain? Can you keep sweet and cheerful on a rainy day?

Upon awakening I began to praise the Lord for the rain. The pattering noise it made on the roof sounded almost like music to me. Later in the day a man said to me, "It's very disagreeable." I could only look into his face and smile and ask him, "Do you

not like rain as well as sunshine?"

I trust all of you dear children are saved, happy, thankful and contented regardless of the weather and conditions round about you.

The rain was still coming down in the evening at the time the train arrives on which my father returns from work. I went to the depot to meet him with an umbrella and while waiting there a little bird lighted on the street in front of me. It seemed so happy. Its dear little eyes sparkled as it danced around in glee for a few moments; then it was off to some place of shelter no doubt where it would arrange its wet feathers only to be off again and enjoy the rain. I believe the little birds are happy and contented every day with just what Jesus sends. Don't you?

There were many children at the depot, waiting for their fathers with umbrellas and raincoats. I watched them as the train pulled in. Each one looked eagerly for father. No one was disappointed; in just a few moments each child was off with its father they had all returned safe. I thought surely it was Jesus who brought all these men safely home and wondered how many of the children thought of thanking Jesus when they saw their dear father's face.

Dear children, you who are saved, keep on living for Jesus. You will be happy and thankful throughout a long eternity. Will you dear ones who are not saved come to Jesus now, so that you can shine for Him by living a thankful life?

Yours for helping you to find Jesus,
—Rosella Slifer.

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Fairview, Okla.—Dear Sis. Pruitt: I greet you in the dear name of Jesus. How are you getting along by this time. I am getting along fine. Oh, how precious it will be in heaven. I am so glad that God saved me. I got saved in the camp-meeting. Pray for me. Tell all of the saints to pray for me.

—Lucinda Eck, Age 9 years.

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Silverdale, Pa.—Greeting to all the dear saints scattered abroad. It has been some time since I wrote to you, but it is not that I forgot you. I just simply put it off from one time to another, but we should never put off for to-morrow what we can do today for in so doing we often miss a blessing. I want to be more careful from now on and watch my opportunity to do good where ever I can or speak a word when led to do so. Gal. 6:10 just comes to my mind, where Paul tells us to do good unto ALL MEN.

Mother and I were away on a trip to Canada for two weeks. The wonderful things we have seen of the handy-work of God is so beautiful. He has made the hills, mountains, lakes and rivers so beautiful and in-

teresting that one cannot express it. Yet how few people seem to appreciate the beauties of nature and the goodness of God toward man. We are surely unworthy of all these good things, and I want to do all I can that I may be of use in the kingdom of God.

Yours saved, sanctified and kept by the power of God.
—Edith R. Shaffer.

Correspondence

Russellville, Ark.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: May the Lord bless you and so direct you in the work that you may continue to give or send out comforting, awakening and life-saving messages, such as given in September number of "Faith and Victory." They warn, instruct and encourage. I can always feel safe in distributing such papers.

Yours in much hope and love,—V. M. Threlkeld.

East St. Louis, Ill.—Dear brethren and sisters in the Lord: I have been receiving the "Faith and Victory" paper and beg to advise that it is an encouragement to me to continue to go on with what little strength that I have for the Lord; in letting my light shine for Him to glorify my Father which is in heaven.

Although I am in a silent world on account of deafness, when I am not using my electric ear phone. I am earnestly listening for that still small voice to call me home where there is no more sickness, sorrow, pain, or death for all the former things have passed away.

At this writing I am very much grieved at heart, just five weeks ago this Friday my beloved mother passed beyond the veil, July 30th, 1926. I am glad to say that she was a faithful and consecrated Christian, she was the oldest member of the East St. Louis ecclesia, making arrangement for the first public witness to the Truth in the city. She was also one of the class organizers.

I believe the Lord was all wise and knew best, when He called my mother to the beyond, for she had finished the end of a good Christian life here on this earth, without a doubt in my mind He told her, "Well done faithful servant" Come!!

It seems as though death comes to those whom we love dearly, but the parting may be long, though there is a grand and glorious thought, "We shall meet our loved one in the beyond," In sweet by and by.

Please remember me in your prayers that the Lord will give my father encouragement and strengthen us both in spirit and that our grieved hearts will be filled with joy again.

Yours in Christ Jesus, —M. L. Cooper.

Fairview, Okla.—Beloved ones in Christ: Greeting in the lovely name of Jesus who, through His own blood, has purged our souls and cleansed us from all sin; therefore we rejoice to report victory in our souls this morning. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith, 1 John 5: 4.

Therefore being justified by faith; we have peace with God. Rom. 5: 4.

Praise the Lord this hour for these wonderful

promises in God's word, they grow more real to us day by day as we walk up the narrow road to glory.

My mind is wrapped up in the word faith this morning. We read in Hebrews the 11th chapter, "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." I was just thinking what faith really meant; and the thought came to me; how our children, when we go to town, and we see they are in need of things, and perhaps we tell them: now, children if you will do this and that and be good children while we are gone; we will get you those things; how eagerly the children watch and wait for our coming after they have accomplished the work we gave them to do. Are they not believing something they do not see? Just so, our dear Savior wants us to believe Him and that His promises are sure. Yes, praise the Lord, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, Ps. 46: 1. When we have faith in God and anything goes wrong, our first thought goes to the Lord, and being in the faith the Lord hears and answers our prayers.

I want to say to the glory of God; the Lord has never forsaken us, but has always helped us when we called upon His name. In the year of 1918, we all took the Flu, being six in family at that time besides grandmother Eck and one of my cousins staying with us which made eight, all sick at the same time, and I had my second back set, with other conditions which made my case a critical one, as other cases similar to mine, with doctor in charge, did not recover; the Lord raised every one of us and some were very sick. We truly thank God; He is wonderful to those that trust Him; and when one of God's children gets sick; God's family prays for them and God hears, Praise His name.

In 1922, Lucinda, then, five years old, had Typhoid fever and it seemed that all praying was in vain, oh, she did suffer, she got lower and lower and her toe nails and finger nails were turning purple; how we did pray; all at once the Lord spoke to me and I knew that I was not willing for the Lord to have His way, and had not been praying the prayer of faith. When I saw myself and what the Lord wanted of me I cried, "Oh, Lord, not my will, but thy will be done." When I was willing to give her to the Lord; He healed her and she got up the next day. I could tell you of other things the Lord has done for us through prayer.

We testify of these healings to show what the Lord has done and can do for any who may be in trouble or afflicted.

Dear isolated ones, be encouraged the Lord is with you; He sees, knows and cares.

Yours in Christ. —Sis. L. A. Eck.

Giddings, Texas—Greetings to all of God's children everywhere. In the precious name of Jesus who gave Himself for us that we should live.

This morning I thought I would add my testimony to the good little paper. I am at this time yet on the highway of Holiness and encouraged to go on with Jesus. Since I wrote to you faithful people God has delivered me out of quite a few attacks of the enemy which was small attacks of sickness; and the Rheumatism has been cured by the Almighty; and in

financial need He has been my help, looking to Him alone. Oh, God has done so much for me; and I am a witness for Jesus.

The word says, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2: 10.

Of course there are many that can tell what God has done in the past as recorded in the Bible. But dear saints, consider that God wants witnesses that can witness for things that He has done for them in this time, the call is now; for a people that is separated unto God. We must let our lights shine so men may see our good works; that means in our walk, in our talk, in our songs, in our prayers and in our whole life. Let these lives tell the story of a risen and a living Saviour.

So I hope all the saints are well both soul and body, and faithfully waiting upon God as faithful witnesses. I also hope those will be a blessing to the ungodly and sinners, for the time is at hand, and what we do must be done quickly.

Your brother, on the altar. —J. M. Thomas.

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Kansas City, Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers: in the name of Jesus I greet you with a God bless you; I have, this morning been reading the tracts and I see recorded in them wonderful manifestations of God's love and power. It makes me more determined to stand true to God. I do love the good old Bible doctrine as you teach it. I have been right along that line for many years; but have been living in rebellion and have let the devil shackle me and I have not done much but tried to keep my head above water.

May God bless you and help you. I do appreciate your letters, papers and tracts as I have no christians to talk to, week in and week out. I have not been to church for two months as I cannot walk much any more and car fare is scarce.

Praying God's abundant blessings will rest upon you and your work; I will say good bye for this time. —A. L. Kenworthy.

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Mansford, Okla. —I feel like writing my testimony: For some time I have not been getting along in the Spirit as I should, for some reason I could not feel satisfied, and at times I did not feel as free in the spirit as I wanted to. I began to think, "what have I done" that the Lord has with-drawn his Spirit; I would think, think and think; but I could not think of any thing that I had done to cause the Lord to with-draw his Spirit forever. It seemed to me if I had sinned against the Holy Ghost I would of known it; and as I could not think what it was I decided to ask the Lord; but the Lord did not reveal it to me, though I prayed earnestly. So time went on and on. At last I began to think and as a thought came into my mind, a satisfied feeling came with the thought; and at last I believe I have found out what was wrong.

You know Bro. Pruitt, that there is work to do for every child of God. I knew that; but I did not see it in the right way. Instead of looking at the thing I ought to do, I was hunting for some thing I had done, not finding it, I could not imagine what was wrong.

But thanks be unto God, I believe I know his will. He wants me to do some thing for Him. If I cannot help Him in the big ways, I can in the little ways; so Bro. Pruitt if you have any tracts or papers I could distribute among the sinners; I would be glad to do so. I ask you and all the readers of Faith and Victory to remember me in your prayers.

With best wishes and love; I am yours in Christ.

—H. M. Fowler.

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Forest City, Mo.—Dear sister Pruitt: I send greetings in Jesus' dear name, Who died to redeem us unto Himself, a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Praise the Lord for this wonderful salvation, full and free, obtainable at the cross for all who will die to the world, get washed in the blood, be made a new creature in Christ.

I received your good letter. Yes, it is sad to see so many rejecting God, their only hope of heaven, for many will cry for Him when it is to late. As I think of God's children scattered in so many places; what joy to know that He loves and cares for each one, Yes, He is interested in all, He never forgets one or fails to hear one feeble cry if it is sent up to Him with a humble heart. As we read of his love for us, of his care for the weak ones; surely we should love one another, "By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love for one another." How I love all the true children of God, how good to be in their presence; there is no place I love to be more than in the camp of the saints; how I love to talk on the things of God.

The things of this world has taken such a place in some hearts that they do not seem to care to talk so much on heavenly things. I do not want any idle words to come from my lips, I may be counted dull by some; I do not want to be counted graceless by God. How I do love to commune with God; what a great privilege given to mankind, the privilege of prayer. Oh, how sweet it will be when we shall see our dear Saviour face to face, the one we have loved so well.

To-day I was thinking of the dear saints who have passed on to glory, I thought, oh, how grand that would be when my time came to join that happy band, yet I enjoy laboring for Him, and want to do all I can in putting forth the word of God, with anointing from heaven, warning others to flee from the wrath to come.

Jesus is dwelling in my heart, we truly taste of heaven here, and as our souls overflow with the joy of God, we think, oh, what will it be to be there. I enjoy singing the sweet songs of Zion, yes, singing in the spirit and with the understanding also; realizing the meaning of the words from the depth of my heart.

May the Lord ever bless and encourage you in your labors for Him. Your humble sister, saved and sanctified. —Susie Whipple.

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Merritt, Mo.—Dear sister Pruitt and family: Will send you greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am still on the way with the faithful few.

Praise the Lord to-day for grace that enables me to press on, I love this way. I am enjoying the Lords blessings day by day, and He keeps me by his power

and makes me able to stand. We are told in his word to put on the whole armor of God, so we will be able to stand the wiles of the devil; and I truly think we need it all on in these times, as it is getting so hard for some to stand; and it's so sad to see them loose their salvation and go back into the world of sin. Oh, may God make his children more powerful in prayer, more strong in faith, so we can pray unceasingly for souls to be saved, and to keep saved. Yours in Jesus' name.
—Lucy Rousseau.

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Pomona, Calif.—Beloved ones in Christ: Greeting to you and all yours in Jesus' dear name and love, wishing you health in your work of love, faith and patience for Jesus and soul's sake, Yes, for His sake and cause you have labored, sacrificed many years; and God is well pleased we are assured and your reward will be sure in the end, from a just God, who cannot lie, amen.

Beloved, I have long wanted to write you; but many things hindered, especially my physical frailty; but at times I am much helped of the Lord and have more strength, always have more than I am able to do, yet, the Lord has been so precious to me, giving me help in soul, mind and body; does comfort and encourage me so that I have nothing to complain of, and so much to praise the good Lord for, oh, He is so precious to my soul in times of affliction, necessity and distress; He is a present help and my soul does magnify his holy name; He heard and answered the prayers of the dear saints and I was strengthened so I could go to the Camp-meeting at Los Angeles, which was so precious and glorious to me as I never get out to meeting but very little.

I am endeavoring to do what little I can in every way possible, especially in prayer, seeing the need is very great in this wicked, sinful country. I try to visit those close to me, especially the sick; but o, the darkness and spiritual indifference, going to shows, every worldly pleasure, trashy and unprofitable reading, selfish indulgence and waste is appalling. I give out papers and tracts to get the young people interested; but it is a hard matter with their minds full of every idle, unprofitable worldly thing.

I had a letter from Bro. Longley recently and Bro. and sister Orr made me a visit; also saints from Los Angeles and Glendale visit me some times. I am always glad to see them, how I wish I could see and talk with you. May the Lord bless your every effort, supply your every need and encourage your hearts. Love to children.
—Julia Myers.

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Kunnankulam, India.—Dear Bro. and sister: Greeting in Jesus' dear name. Received your kind letter with money order enclosed. May God bless you. Thank you, dear ones.

As you are having hard tests, I pray that God will help you to stand true in all tests of faith.

Our Sunday Schools, meetings and open air work is going on well. God blesses them to the salvation of sinners and edification of God's children.

A building which would cost \$100.00 is needed for the progress of the work. Please agree with us

in prayer for the building. Sunday School children and those who attend the meetings also are praying for it.

The magazine is going on. It's doing a good work. Do not neglect to pray for the needs of the work. May God bless you all.
—K. V. Cherian.

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Webb City, Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and family: You are strangers to me in the flesh; but we are both saved and doing what we can for the Lord. I am enclosing one dollar for which send me some tracts, as I want to put one in each letter I write, especially to the unsaved. I aim to send you a little money quite often from now on as the Lord lets me get it to spare.

I have been saved now for ten years, out in the clear light and I am enjoying salvation every day, for which I thank the dear Lord; for He found me deep in sin and an infidel for eighteen years; but He had mercy on me and spared my life until I heard the clear gospel and accepted it as I had nothing that would satisfy a hungry soul, having searched high and low in this sinful world for something that would satisfy the longing of my heart and soul. Praise His dear name! I found in Christ more than I expected.

Wife and I are both saved and happy in the Lord. Your Bro. in Christ.
—E. M. Wood.

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San Bernardino, Calif.:—I thought it good and proper in the sight of the Lord my God, whom I serve, worship and adore in spirit and in truth, to send my testimony to the beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, whom I love in truth.

I thank the Lord with all of my heart and soul for He has opened my eyes; and I came into the knowledge of the pure truth; and the truth has freed me from all of my sins. This hour I am saved and sanctified. Glory be to his holy name.

“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” Col. 1: 12-14.

Beloved saints, pray for me that the Lord strengthen and help me, give me more wisdom to understand better how to thank Him, and how to do his will; this is the desire of my heart, to serve the Lord all the days and nights of my life. Oh, what gladness the sinner receives, when he leaves all sin and comes to the Savior. What gladness and rejoicing that Christ's, the love and the peace that Christ gives. Glory be to his holy name, I love to serve Christ because I have found rest in Him. I hoped with all of my heart and soul and in the Lord will I hope all of the days and nights of my life. My soul is glad and my spirit blesses my Saviour. How can I not be glad and how can I not speak of the unsearchable riches of Christ? “O! depths of riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out” (Rom. 11: 33.) O! how wonderful are the works of the Lord. They all are in harmony.

Your brother saved and sanctified.

Mammoth Springs, Ark. --Dear Bro. and sister in the Lord: With grateful hearts we acknowledge God's merciful hand towards us in soul and body.

We arrived in Carthage, Mo., Thursday P.M., after we left Guthrie, Okla., Wednesday A.M. And we were received with a real brotherly welcome and enjoyed the whole Camp-meeting. The interest was good and attendance also. I think the attendance would be better still, if more publicity had been made of the meeting.

The tabernacle was pitched on the street in front of the new chapel—quite a novel location.

The Camp-meeting committee made provision for next Camp-meeting (third Sunday in August 1927) by purchase of adjoining lot and house; so the tent will be beside the meeting house next year, D. V.

Quite a number sought the Lord for help in soul and body. May the Lord help them to hold onto Him --the author and finisher of their faith.

We find no opening for meeting at this place, and D. V. will go to Peoria, Ill. and points north. Pray for us. With good will and brotherly love to all.

—A. S. Kriebel and Wm. Gardner.

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Suva, Fiji Islands—Dear Bro. and sister Pruitt: May the Almighty God, who is yet the great I AM, continue to bless you and to fulfill with His Hands and Spirit what he has promised with his Word and Mouth. He is faithful to do it, and exceeding abundantly above what our minds can think to ask, so let us ever trust Him, whether we be soaring above all the clouds as on eagle's wings, running through a troop of the enemy and leaping over a wall he has built to obstruct our way, or though the fiery darts and messengers from Satan are coming so fast that we can only walk behind the shield of faith, or maybe we can but stand still and wait upon the Lord and see his salvation and way of escape—what ever may be the state may He help us to know deep in our souls that HE is God alone and beside Him there is no other. Praise Him forever more.

Well, I am glad for the privilege again of sending my heart-felt greetings to you all there. I just returned to Suva a few days ago from my journey around this island, and your two letters, among several others were waiting to bless, gladden and refresh me much in the Lord and you might know that my soul had a good appetite to relish all the good news and also to receive the papers and to hear from the many souls scattered abroad and of how the Lord is blessing and dealing with them. I surely burned after-midnight oil that night. My heart is full of praises and thanksgiving unto the dear Lord, the Most High God, and for his true saints that He has, who in reality and truth have and possess the Kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, and that the distance of miles, high mountains, broad stretched plains nor tossing white caps of sea billows doesn't disconnect that chain of precious truths that links us together and with heaven and through which that mighty current of divine love and heavenly fellowship can flow freely.

I thank God for the good news of the way He is working in your midst and all among the saints of God. I guess I must be getting some of the overflow and over-supply of all those good camp-meetings that have been going on there. Praise the Lord it is according to his promise that if we fully bring tithes and every thing else beside into his store house and be stewards, with ourselves right on the altar, He will open the windows of heaven and we might as well prepare our cups for the out-pouring and still they can't possibly hold it all. He proves and tests us by asking us to do, and then we can prove Him and have the full benefits of his promises. My soul is encouraged to trust on in Him.

I returned here Sept. the fourth and had been gone since July the 29th. and I feel the Lord was pleased with my journey, that He ordered it, and was glorified by it. I think the zigzag way of going is about 250 miles, but I only walked about half the distance. One scope especially of about 60 or 65 miles, I was glad that I went that way as it is a rather out-of-the-way place and not many gospel workers frequent this section. Sometimes there was scarcely no road or trail. But I had some little service each night and sometimes during the day, both among the natives and the Indians. The Lord helped me that I can sing and read a little in each language, though I don't understand what so many of the words mean, yet I am glad for this much and desire to be able to both speak and read in their languages, but in the meanwhile I, with the help of the Lord, will witness to the extent that He helps me. I have certainly realized the comfort and strength of all your prayers on several different occasions and at needy times. Praise the Lord. The first day on this certain stretch of the journey I crossed six creeks or small rivers. The first had a little row boat, one a bridge, one a bamboo raft and three I waded, but as the tide was out none was over waist deep and only had to take off my shoes and trousers. The next day it was raining some and though I had a good rain coat I got a little wet. The following day I was sick with a fever and head ache, but was stopping in an Indian hut and they were very good to me and told me not to try to go that morning, so I lay down there all one day and how precious and near the Lord was to help in that time of need. The next morning I was feeling fairly well and have felt exceptionally well since. Praise the Lord.

Several places they would like that I come and teach them, especially among the Indians. Of course their main object is to learn English, but my main object would be to live and teach Jesus among them. As a whole it is difficult to find those you can depend on their word. Sin is abounding and oh, how Christ is needed in the hearts of all. I feel that a life lived among them of following after the Spirit will be a witness better than most all else. One place among the Indians they promised to build me a little grass hut, like they live in and prepare me an acre of ground if I would come and be with them and teach them. They said, or at least one man that can speak very good English said, "If you come, we will become Christians."

They have very little conception of what it means to be a christian. Most of them have the idea that it's just in a manner the changing of their way of thinking about religion, but God is merciful and long-suffering and it may take time and much patience to help them to see the need and know the experience of being born again and having the heart changed and life transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit and blood of Jesus. I am looking unto and waiting upon the Lord in the matter as I desire to be led of Him. My heart is deepened in love for these poor dear souls and I have a greater vision of the needs even here.

Bro. Sperber had been away also and we came together at a certain place and I walked on eight or twelve miles futher down the coast to another village. Then a little boat came along coming to Suva, so I got on board and found also that Bro. Sperber had gotten on back where he had stopped. I had gotten a little food to eat on the way and went to give some to Bro. Sperber but the Captain said, "No, you come and eat with me." Also shortly after Bro. Sperber had got on board the Captain said he had better put out his hook and get a fish to feed us people with, and sure enough it wasn't long till he had caught a nice one and we had it for supper. Praise the Lord, He is the very same Jesus that told Peter to go and cast a hook in the sea and get tribute money out of the first fish's mouth.

Well, Bro. and Sister Pruitt, I guess you have been very busy and yet there is much to be done. We can only do what the Lord gives the strength and means to do with, so if we be diligent and faithful we will keep a clear conscience before God and man. Yes, Bro. Pruitt, I feel I can quite understand just what confronts you in these matters, and I like the truth you wrote in one of the editorials about being free and having fellow-ship with all that is of Christ and His Spirit wherever and in whoever it may be. I know God will make his will plain, but I feel too, that if all people or members of the body of Christ would be and act just how and in the place and when the Lord directs, there would be equality and the work would not have to suffer as it does—some eased and others burdened.

At a certain stop (on my way around the Island) many Fijians came to the village from up in the bush or mountains to sell bananas and that night the Lord led to have a meeting among them. There were about a hundred and they pressed so close around me that I could scarcely move. One Fijian who can speak and understand some english interpreted for me and the Lord blessed both of us and all seemed anxious to hear. I try to tell them the simple gospel of Jesus and His love and mercy and that He shed His blood to save us from all evil. The most opposition and hinderance comes from the whites. The Indians and most of the Fijians will listen and respect worship. One evening I was having a little meeting out in the road to both Indians and Fijians and also some half-casts and most of them could understand a little english and I had no one to interpret. But while I was praying two

Europeans came up and then when we were singing "What a friend we have in Jesus" they tried to make some disturbance, and then as I was speaking I guess they didn't like what I said and they kept on, seemed persistant in disturbing and one tried to push the other over me. The Lord kept me with sweet peace and then they went on. The people gathered around all the more after that and these poor men I commit into the hands of God, I know He can take care of all things and can manage them. I thought afterwards of how in a way the people seemed more interested after this happened, and as we trust God, we know He will even make the intended wrath of man to praise Him and work for the good of all who love Him. So please pray for me.

One day I felt led to go across the river here, not knowing why till after I had walked quite a long ways I came to an Indian hut and saw a man lying on a mat under a tree and several people around there. I went and found this man very sick and he and his wife crying, so I sang a song and told them the best I could of Jesus, then I laid hands on him and prayed and felt assured that the Lord heard. The man had had a severe pain in his head and neck for three months or more and beside one hand some what withered by rheumatism. He seemed to be resting good when I left. All praises be unto our wonderful Saviour who is just the same to-day.

Please pass my very best christian love and remembrance on to all the dear saints and friends of mine there. In fervent prayers and holy love to all, I remain ever your Bro. in Jesus. I covet your continued prayers also.

—ROBERT LONGLEY.

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

Perhaps there are many who have never considered much as to what it really means to be a Christian, and others through false teaching and wrong examples have imbibed the idea that by joining some organization, clique or klan and being reconized by them as such, makes them a Christian.

We are not suprized at people in heathen lands where they have no Bibles to read and no teachers and preachers of the gospel; being in darkness or having very little conception of what it means to be a Christian; but when we consider the enlightenment that America has and is having, the immense amount of Bibles amongst the people, the meeting houses, the great army of preachers and teachers who profess to follow Christ and to be ministers of righteousness, (right things) the many years that this condition has existed:—on first thought we are suprized to think how little conception the majority of people have as to what it really means to be a Bible Christian; but on considering the matter from a Biblical standpoint we can readily see that it is because of the great amount of false teachers and blind leaders that swarm

the country and make merchandise of the people. Read 2 Cor. 11: 13,14,15, also 1 Tim. 4: 1,2,3, and 2 Pet. 2: 1,2,3, and you will see that this condition is existing according to the word of God. Jesus, our Saviour, our pattern, our present high Priest spoke to his disciples and warned them to "Take heed that no man deceive you: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." And in another verse He says, "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matt. 24. To come in His name means to declare themselves to be working in and for His interest or the up-building of His kingdom, etc. It may seem hard to think of leaders and teachers that seem so nice as being false apostles and false teachers; but when we know that Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light, we need not wonder that his ministers are white-washed and preachers of righteousness; it takes discernment from God to see the wolf nature that is covered with a sheep skin. We should not let our human sympathy and fleshly desire get between us and the truth of God's word; remember that our soul is at stake and we have a responsibility resting upon us concerning those who watch our lives and follow our example. Jesus has declared that "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Matt. 15: 14. So we need to take heed unto ourselves and search the scriptures and find out just what it means to be a Christian, and then call upon God for grace, power and wisdom to measure our lives accordingly, see that our deeds are prompted by the spirit that prompted Jesus to deny himself and suffer so much humiliation and finally cross agony in crucifixion for our sakes.

Webster gives the definition of a Christian as one "Who professes to believe in the religion of Christ" and then adds more to it and says, "Especially one whose inward and outward life is conformed to the doctrines of Christ. The first definition covers those who profess and the white-washed ones, while the second definition declares the real Bible Christian, the born again ones. To become a real Christian, it is absolutely necessary to be born again, that means to receive spiritual life from God through Christ which will give us new ways, new thoughts and new and heavenly ambition, old things will have passed away and behold all things have become new. Read the fifteenth verse of the fifth chapter of 2 Cor. on to the end of the chapter and examine your heart and life and see whether you have been borned again. Jesus is the door-way to heaven (John 10: 9) and unless you have His Spirit you are none of His, (Rom. 8: 9)

and those who climb up some other way He declares to be thieves and robbers, (John 10: 1) and we are sure that none such shall be found in heaven.

To understand and enjoy the teaching of the Bible it is necessary to be born again and have the Spirit of Christ to guide you and to interpret (2 Pet. 1: 20) the scriptures that you may get the true meaning, for they are of no private interpretation.

Dwight L. Moody in a treatise on "How to study the Bible" said in part, "I believe that God reveals His deeper truths to the eye of faith. Those who come to the Bible in a devotional spirit, seeking to know more of God and His will regarding us, are the most blessed.

Hence it is necessary, at the very beginning that the reader shall be a partaker of the *new life* which alone can digest heavenly food. The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, for they are spiritually discerned, 1 Cor. 2: 14. But they that are after the Spirit, (who have been born of the Spirit,) do mind the things of the Spirit, and the Spirit-breathed Word is sweeter to them than honey and the honeycomb."

A real Christian is one who has the Spirit of Christ dwelling in their souls, bearing the fruits of the Spirit in words, deeds, truth and actions (Gal. 5: 22,23) they lay aside all foolishness, do not conform to the fashions and fads of the world but are transformed by the renewing of their mind, they mind heavenly things, (Col. 3: 1,2) are led of the Spirit, (Rom. 8: 14) their affections are on things above, are dead to the spirit of the world and their life is hid with Christ in God. Col. 3: 3. They have ceased from slandering, back-biting, reveling, lying, stealing, swearing and filthiness of the flesh. 2 Cor. 7: 1. Do not adorn themselves with gold, pearls and costly array, (1 Tim. 2: 9,10) neither do they become ungodly by wearing clothes with short skirts, short sleeves and low necks; do not show friendship to the world by bobbing their hair to be in fashion with this evil and adulteress and sinful generation, (James 4: 4) they live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, giving no heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. To the world they are a peculiar people, zealous of good works, (Titus 2: 14) always anxious to do good, ready to forgive their enemies or those who do them an injury in any way, (Mark 11: 25,26) possessing the same spirit that Christ and Stephen manifested when they were being slain for righteousness sake. Luke 23: 34, Acts 7: 60.

In conclusion we wish to quote at length from a leaflet printed by "Grand army of the redeemed" entitled "Portrait of the redeemed."

"A Redeemed Man is one who has the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Spirit given unto him, one who loves the Lord his God with all his heart and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength. He rejoices evermore, prays without ceasing, and in everything gives thanks. His heart is full of love to all mankind, and is purified from envy, malice, wrath and every unkind or malign affection. His own desire and the one design of his life, is not to do his own will, but the will of Him that sent him. He keeps not only some or most of God's commandments, but all from the least to the greatest. He follows not the customs of the world, for vice does not lose its nature through its becoming fashionable. He fares not sumptuously every day. He cannot adorn himself on any pretense, with gold or costly apparel. He cannot join in any diversion that has the least tendency to vice. He cannot speak evil of his neighbor any more than he can tell a lie. He cannot utter unkind or idle words. No corrupt communication ever comes out of his mouth. He does good unto all men, unto neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies."

May God bless and help each one who reads this article to search the scriptures and see for themselves what a Christian really is, and then: "To get their eye on Jesus, and keep it there.

Yours in the Masters service. —Fred Pruitt.

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WESLEY ON DRESS

If you could be as humble as when you choose plain apparel (which I flatly deny), yet you could not be as beneficent as plentiful in good works. Every shilling which you save from your own apparel you may expend in clothing the naked and relieving the various necessities of the poor, whom ye have always with you. Therefore every shilling which you needlessly spend on your apparel is, in effect, stolen from God and the poor.

For what end did you buy these ornaments? To please God? No, but to please your own fancy, or to gain the admiration and applause of those that were no wiser than yourself. If so, what you put upon yourself you are, in effect, tearing from the back of the naked; as the costly and delicate food which you eat, you are snatching from the mouth of the hungry. For mercy, for pity, for Christ's sake, for the honor of His Gospel, stay your hand! Do not throw this money away. Do not lay out nothing, yea, worse than nothing, what may clothe your poor, naked, shivering fellow creature!

Many years ago, when I was at Oxford, on a cold winter's day, a young maid (one of those we kept at school), called on me. I said, "You seem half starved. Have you nothing to cover you but this gown?" She

said, "Sir, this is all I have." I put my hand in my pocket, but found no money left, having just paid away all that I had. It struck me, will thy Master say, "Well done, good and faithful steward! Thou hast adorned thy wall with the money which might have screened this poor creature from the cold." O justice! O mercy! Are not these pictures the blood of the poor maid? See thy expensive apparel in the same light; thy gown, hat, and head-dress! Everything about thee to lay out is the blood of the poor. Oh, be wise for the time is come! Be more faithful to God and man, more abundantly adorned (like men and women professing godliness) with good works.

It is stark, staring nonsense to say, "Oh, I can afford this or that!" If you have regard to common sense, let that silly word never come into your mouth. No man living can afford to throw away any part of that food or raiment into the sea which is lodged with him on purpose to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. And it is far worse than waste to spend any part of it on costly apparel. For this is no less than to turn wholesome food into deadly poison. It is giving so much money to poison both yourselves and others, as far as your example spreads, with pride, vanity, anger, lust, love of the world, and a thousand foolish and hurtful desires which tend to "pierce them through with many sorrows." O God, arise and maintain Thine own cause! Let not men and devils any longer put out our eyes and lead us blind-folded into the pit of destruction.

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CHRIST SATISFIES.

Enough in Christ to satisfy,
To fill my soul with praise,
To feed me with the finest wheat,
To gladden all my days.

In Him are all the treasures hid,
Of knowledge, love, and power,
Yea, everything that man can need
In time's short passing hour.

He fills the range of being full,
No power of mind or thought,
But what we find in Him complete,
God's treasure-house unsought.

The head of all creation vast,
He fills unbounded space,
All beauty, glory, wealth, and life
From Him alone we trace.

Joy of my soul—my fullest bliss
My being wrapped in Thee,
No good, no life, no bliss I know,
My God, apart from Thee.

And heaven with all its varied store,
That Thy great mind has planned,
Soon to behold with wondering eyes,
When this short life is spanned.—SEL.